

# Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

As we welcomed the children back after the Easter break, to celebrate moving from Lent into the season of Eastertide in school we had a wonderful Easter Celebration day. We started the day with a whole school 'He is Risen – Alleluia!' assembly. During the rest of the day pupils took part in a chocolate egg hunt around the grounds, making Easter cards, changing classroom prayer areas to the more joyful colours of yellow, white and gold and other fun activities. The children have settled back into school beautifully and have all been working hard this week. What a lovely start to the summer term! 😊



## Year 1 visit to Tamworth Castle

On Thursday Year 1 had a lovely day at Tamworth Castle as a follow up to their learning about the Great Fire of London. The children enjoyed two workshops- one led by the lady of the castle who shared with the children what people would have had to do at the time of the fire. The other workshop was led by a servant who talked about her job and the importance of fire safety at the time. We also had the opportunity to explore the castle-including the tower, we were very high up! The children's behaviour and engagement was fantastic throughout the day. 😊



## Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Meeting for Parents in the school hall

All pupils in Year 4 across the country are required to take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check. It is such an important life skill to know all the multiplication times table up to 12 x 12 and this is what we strive for with all our pupils. We would like to invite all our Year 4 parents to a meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3.20pm in the school hall, where Mrs Bardell will explain all about the test and how we can work in partnership at home and school to help the children to feel confident with their times tables.



## Eco Assembly and Activities

It was lovely to welcome back two of our past pupils: Ellie Wood and Kacper Sokolowski into school today to lead an assembly and then do some planting with our pupils. Ellie and Kacper are both sixth formers at cardinal Newman but are undertaking a L3 Environmental Leadership Qualification, funded and monitored by the Warwick Wildlife Trust, in addition to their A levels. They had requested to carry out this project in school to promote conservation and ecology. It was inspirational for our pupils to listen to them and get involved with their work.



## Positive Family Foundations

From next Monday, Family Learning will be in school running another one of its popular sessions for parents, this time about supporting children's learning and development. Our Positive Family Foundations programme focuses on child development, parenting styles, behaviour and SEND. We will provide practical resources and activities to try at home. We have had 100% positive feedback about our previous courses – please try to join if you can.

*Day – Starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April (for 10 weeks)*

*Time – 9-11am*

*Please contact the school office or Miss Carey/Mrs Fowler to reserve a place.*

The reception children enjoyed planting bean seeds and are excited to watch them grow. A beanstalk might be growing out of the reception classroom soon!

## Top Tweets From This Week

Year 3 are having a great session with skint to mint with Mr T this afternoon 🍌🍌

How can we fix a broken umbrella? Today in Year 2 we've been testing a variety of materials to check which one is waterproof, lightweight and strong. 🌧️🧴🧴🧴



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**No Scooters or Bikes On The Playground Please** It is lovely to see that lots of children are coming to school on scooters and bikes now that the weather is improving, however please can we ask that children are not riding them on the playground after school, especially younger pupils who are waiting for older siblings as they should not be playing on this playground as it is busy at this time of day. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Year 6 SATs** Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) from Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026. This is the week when all year 6 pupils across the country who are eligible will be sitting the tests. Obviously, the children are busy preparing for the tests in school but there is information available on the Year 6 page of the school website about how you can also support your child at home. It is really important that Year 6 pupils are in attendance every day in the lead up to and during SATs week.

**Summer Uniform** Pupils are now welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. This means that in all year groups boys may wear grey tailored shorts instead of trousers and girls may choose to wear red gingham summer dresses. In addition, Key Stage 2 pupils may choose to wear a white polo shirt instead of shirt and tie. Please remember that all pupils should be wearing black school shoes not trainers to school.

## African Languages Research

Mrs Oluremi, our Languages leader in school, recently attended some training where she heard about this research that some of our families might like to participate in :

*A PhD student from University of Essex, Denise Amankwah, is conducting a study on language use within African heritage families living in the UK. She is interested in how families use different languages at home and how languages are passed on to children. Her aim is to better understand the linguistic experiences of African families and contribute to research on multilingualism and education in the UK.*

*Parents or carers who identify as having African heritage are invited to complete her short survey. Participation is entirely voluntary and all responses are confidential. If you would like to take part, you can access the survey here: [https://essex.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6eSm6Ufbk7xVLV4](https://essex.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6eSm6Ufbk7xVLV4)*

**Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 95.9% Great punctuality this week – thank you 😊**

Mrs Roberts Year R		Miss Doran		Mrs Oluermi Year 2		Mr Dingley Year 3		Mrs Bardell/Mrs Crowley Year 4		Mr Jordan Year 5		Mrs McDevitt Year 6	
97.7%	1 late	97.8%	1 late	99.7%	0 late 😊	94.4%	1 late	95.7%	2 late	93.3%	0 late 😊	93.2%	4 late

## First week back at a glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April Year 3 Swimming – wear PE kits Year 5 PE kits	9am PM PM 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4pm	Mission Assembly Year 5 – Joy of Moving Science and Fitness for those not attending Alton Year 5 depart for residential to Alton Castle Netball club – Y6 Creative Club – Y1/2 & Lego Club (Y2,3,4,5)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April Year 3 & Y4 PE day	AM 3.15-4.00pm	Guitar lessons Athletics Club – (Y3,4,5,6)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.10am PM 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm	Nursery Class Spring Showcase Year 5 return from Alton Castle Pop Choir – (Y3,4,5,6) Football – Y2,3,4,
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Year R, 1 & 2 PE day	3.15-4.15pm	Football – Y5/6
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April Year 5 & 6 PE day	9.00am	Friday assembly

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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